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2 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RENOVATIONS AND  
3 USES OF OLD NORTH DURHAM PARK  
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5 WHEREAS, the City Council actions of September 6, 2005 concerning Old North  
6 Durham Park require an update regarding renovations and uses; This resolution updates the  
7 Council's Resolution #9281 of September 6, 2005, regarding renovation and use of Old North  
8 Durham Park ("the park") and  
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10 WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish the scope of the renovations; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to determine the future uses of the park are;  
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14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Durham hereby adopts the  
15 following Resolution:  
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- 17 1. Beginning in the spring of 2012, the Old North Durham Park ("the park") will be  
18 renovated in two stages. First the Public Works Department (PW) will resolve storm  
19 water and drainage problems in the park by replacing and re-routing storm water lines.  
20 Immediately thereafter, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will renovate the  
21 existing field by removal of a layer of unsuitable soils, replacement with soil suitable for  
22 field use, fine grading, and seeding with a grass suitable for field use.  
23 ~~As per the recommendation of DPR the park will be renovated in two stages. First,~~  
24 ~~beginning in the spring of 2012, the Public Works Department will resolve longtime~~  
25 ~~storm water and drainage problems in the park by replacing and rerouting storm water~~  
26 ~~lines. Second, immediately thereafter, DPR will use the \$99,250 received from Duke~~  
27 ~~University for the sale of a small parcel of Erwin Field Park to renovate the existing field~~  
28 ~~for neighborhood use. This renovation will include the removal of a layer of rocky fill~~  
29 ~~dirt. The field will be graded, covered with a soil/sand mix suitable for athletic play, and~~  
30 ~~crowned. It will be seeded with grass also suitable for such play.~~  
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- 32 2. The City will replacement trees removed as a result of the PW work such that the trees  
33 will not infringe on the area of the athletic field.  
34 ~~The replacement and rerouting of the drainage system for the park will probably require~~  
35 ~~the removal of two or three trees currently in the park. The City of Durham will plant~~  
36 ~~several replacement trees on the border of the park which will not infringe on the athletic~~  
37 ~~playing field.~~  
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- 39 3. The park will be closed to public use during the period of this renovation work, including  
40 time needed for the grass to become established. The City will inform residents and  
41 stakeholders of the anticipated period of closure as far in advance of that closure as is  
42 possible.  
43 ~~During the time of this renovation, the park will be closed to neighborhood and~~  
44 ~~community use for a period of several months, the time necessary to complete the~~  
45 ~~drainage work and to renovate the field, including time to let the grass grow into~~  
46 ~~sustainability. Public Works and DPR will inform community members and groups of~~  
47 ~~the anticipated times of this closure well in advance.~~  
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- 49 4. The field after its renovation will be suitable for use as an athletic field and as a site for  
50 community events. That field will be able to be lined for a soccer field no less than 300  
51 feet by 160 feet. Community events will continue to be welcomed into the park, as will  
52 use of the park by students from the Central Park School for Children.  
53 ~~Once this renovation work is complete, the athletic field in the park will be suitable for~~  
54 ~~use as a soccer field as well as for other community uses including festivals and other~~

55 organized and pick-up sports. The field shall be able to be lined for a soccer field with  
56 dimensions of at least 300 feet by 160 feet, as suitable for adult play. Community events  
57 currently held on the park such as the Strawberry Festival, Agricultural Extension events,  
58 Old North Durham Neighborhood Association events, and others, will continue to be  
59 welcomed into the park, as will the use of the park by students from Central Park School  
60 for Children for recess and physical education activities.

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62 5. The City does not anticipate that the field in the park will be a venue for league sports,  
63 though the renovation will not preclude its use for soccer festivals or tournaments as can  
64 be accommodated at the site.

65 Since the park has little available parking, no restrooms or water availability, or lights, it  
66 is not contemplated that the park will be a primary venue for league sports, though this  
67 does not preclude the use of the field for soccer festivals and other such events. Other  
68 parks in the City as well as school fields under agreement with DPR are more appropriate  
69 for league use, and they are the fields currently being used by local soccer and other  
70 sports leagues.

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72 6. If additional funding becomes available for the renovation of the park, it will be used (1)  
73 to improve pedestrian access from W. Geer St. and from Foster St. and (2) to bring a  
74 water line into the park to service a water fountain and an appropriate form of irrigation  
75 for the field.

76 If there are funds left over from the funds set aside for this project (see above), they will  
77 be used to provide improved pedestrian access to the park from both W. Geer St. and  
78 Foster St. Further, additional available funds, if any, will be used to provide installation  
79 of a water line from Foster St. so that the park can have above-ground irrigation. It is not  
80 currently anticipated that such funds will be available, however.

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82 7. The City will pursue the placement of a portable toilet in the park, subject to compliance  
83 with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

84 DPR will pursue placing a portable toilet in the park which may be impossible due to  
85 ADA limitations.